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PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS

FACTS THAT MAY SAVE YOU \$\$\$ ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

REVIEW DUE TO DECLINE IN VALUE - PROPOSITION 8

If you feel your property has suffered a decline in value; that is, the current market (saleable) value of your property has fallen below the current assessed value as shown on the assessment roll, you may request a "Prop 8" decline in value "free" reassessment by the County Assessor. Call, write or visit the Assessor's district office nearest you.

EXEMPTIONS

HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION - If you owned and occupied your home or mobile home as your principal place of residence on January 1, and apply by February 15, you may be eligible for an exemption up to \$7,000 of your assessed value. A homeowner may apply for a partial exemption of \$5,600 until December 10 with a full exemption thereafter.

DISABLED VETERANS - If you are a veteran, who is rated 100% disabled, blind or a paraplegic due to a service connected disability (or if you are the unmarried widow of such a veteran), you may be eligible for an exemption up to \$150,000 of the assessed value of your home.

EXCLUSIONS

APPRAISAL EXCLUSION FOR SENIORS - Senior citizens 55 years of age (in the case of married couples, only one spouse must be 55 years or older) or severely and permanently disabled can buy a residence and transfer their current assessed value to the new home if the new residence is of equal or lesser market value. This prevents a tax increase due to reappraisal of the new home. Both sale and replacement residence must be in San Bernardino County.

PARENT TO CHILD EXCLUSION- The transfer of the principal place of residence and /or the first \$1,000,000 of other real property between parents and children can be excluded from reassessment if a proper application is filed. This will exclude the parent to child transfer (or vice versa) from being reassessed. This can also apply for GRANDPARENT TO GRANDCHILD transfers provided the middle parents are deceased.

DISASTER TAX RELIEF

If a calamity strikes your property resulting in \$5,000 or more in damages, you may be eligible for property tax relief. To qualify, you must file a damage claim within six (6) months from the date the property was damaged. For more information, **call, write or visit the Assessor's district office nearest you.**

SENIOR CITIZEN ASSISTANCE

PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE - Provides a prorated reimbursement for property taxes paid based on income. You must be either blind, disabled or 62 years of age or older, with a total household income of **\$35,251 or less. Call the State Franchise Tax Board (toll free) at (800) 852-5711.** Does not create a lien, and will never have to be paid back.

PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT- If you are blind, disabled or 62 years of age or older, with an annual income of \$24,000 or less, you may apply for a postponement for all or part of the property taxes on your home or manufactured home. This deferred payment is a lien on the property and becomes due upon sale, change of residence or death. **Call (toll free) at 800-952-5661.**